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1. Except for drill and training with weapons at the camp, no other training activity was noticed in the Lieberose training area between 1 and 16 June 1951. No night exercises were held since early June. Most of the vehicles were on blocks, and had been provided with black-out shades. Security measures were intensified. The previously reported ban on the consumption of alcoholic beverages was strictly enforced. Civilian residents were recently forbidden to sell victuals to military personnel. Camp Lieberose was being improved and the bakery enlarged. Shipments of gray-cast iron required in the construction work arrived [REDACTED] by order of the Central Procurement Administration on Breiter Weg, Potsdam. Refrigerator cars which arrived at the Lieberose railroad station were consigned to Major Litovka (fmu), who was an associate of Major Fedorov (fmu), at the division headquarters.

2. About 350 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived from Fuerstenwalde aboard 12 boxcars on 6 June. They were quickly unloaded. During the end of the observation period a total of about 250 trained soldiers left in small shipments of three or four boxcars, there was music at the railroad station when the soldiers departed. A two-week training course for political officers was conducted at the camp in early June. It was attended by about 200 officers of units at the camp and units at other military posts. The new division commander allegedly was Major General Koberidze (fmu).

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[REDACTED] Comment. The shipment of soldiers, probably recruits, which arrived on 6 June 1951, was mentioned in a previous report on rail shipments; however, only nine boxcars were reported. [REDACTED]. The soldiers departing from Lieberose are believed to have been dischargees. Major General Y. G. Koberidze was wartime commander of the 117th Rifle Div and was last mentioned in a press dispatch of June 1945. He may be the new commanding general mentioned in the present report. The previous commanding general of the 7th Gds Kicz Div, Major General Gusev was reportedly by the same source to have left for reassignment in March 1951.

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